

Hahn Report

County Hospital Now Under Construction

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County Supervisor

One of the largest and most important projects in Los Angeles County history—the new 400-bed hospital serving Southeast Los Angeles—is now under construction.

Named in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., this hospital is being built to serve the health needs of 347,000 citizens.

When completed in 1970 it will be one of the finest hospitals in the world—second to none in providing the most advanced techniques and equipment to protect and save human life.

I have worked hard to make this hospital a reality. It has faced many obstacles, but they have been overcome through cooperation from all segments of Los Angeles County.

It is my hope the men and women to operate this hospital, the doctors, nurses, attendants, staff at all levels, will be drawn from the community which it will serve.

We are working closely with the federal and state governments to provide training programs in this area, where unemployment and poverty have always been serious problems.

citizens of all races and creeds be hired by the contractors and the unions working on the \$23.5 million project.

Able craftsmen are being put to work. The unskilled are being trained.

Since work started June 13, an average of 48.1 per cent of the work force on the hospital has been Caucasian, 40.4 per cent Negro, 11 per cent Spanish-American, and about 1 per cent Oriental.

Subcontractors on the job have also cooperated in hiring men on the basis of ability, not race.

The same is true of the several labor unions represented on the job.

Thus, the King Hospital project is already curing one of the great ills of our nation—discrimination in employment—before it receives its first patient.

Dr. Louis Bullock, this authority oversees construction and financing of the hospital.

Serving with Dr. Bullock are Mrs. Ruby Daniels, Dr. John Mitchell, Bruce Kaji, Ted Watkins, Stephen Bilheimer, Harry Blackman, Eugene Klein, Danny Thomas, John McCone, Sigmund Arywitz, Ben F. Peery, Alex Banuelos, E. J. Franklin, and Dr. Dickerson A. Hawkins.

'Funny Girl' Features Father-Daughter Team

The movies may have Barbra Streisand, but Long Beach will have a father-daughter combination from Torrance in "Funny Girl," which opens the Civic Light Opera's 21st season Oct. 31.

Leo Kennedy, 21315 Selwyn Ave., and his daughter Vivian, a Carson High student, will both be among the singers and dancers in the colorful musical comedy, the now familiar story of Fanny Brice.

Kennedy, in the neon and plastic sign business professionally, has a long and rich experience in theatrical activity dating to his years at Hyde Park High in Chicago, a school which has produced a number of show business celebrities. He has appeared in past Civic Light Opera shows and also appeared in

UCLA-staged productions.

Vivian, 17, has taken part in high school shows, has appeared with her father in Elks Variety Shows in Torrance and is a student at Three Arts Studio in Long Beach. She is one of three talented Kennedy children.

The Long Beach CLO production stars Carolyn Thomas in the title role, with Robert McCanan (of Palos Verdes Estates) as Nick Arnstein.

Evening performances are scheduled Oct. 31, Nov. 1, Nov. 2, Nov. 8 and Nov. 9 at 8:30 p.m. and matinees Nov. 10 at 2:30 p.m. Home for the CLO is Long Beach Municipal Auditorium.

Ticket information may be obtained by telephoning HEMlock 2-7926

Cat Show Slated in Wilmington

The Neptune Cat Club, an affiliate of the American Cat Association, Inc., will stage an all-breed cat show Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 9 and 10, in Wilmington.

Special attractions at the show will include a household pet section and a child's pet cat section. In addition, Joseph, a male calico cat loaned by Seattle University, will be on display. The male calico cat is very rare because only one of every 10,000 calicos is born.

Information about the show may be obtained by writing to the entry clerk, 823 Realth St., Wilmington.

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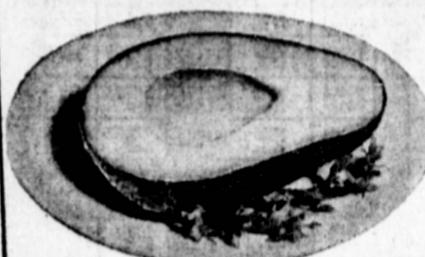
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